

LATE NEWS BY WIRE

CLEVELAND MINERS GO OUT.

Ninety Per Cent of the 75,000 Men There Have Quit Work.

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, July 6.—Reports from the mines operated from this point received this morning indicate that 90 per cent of the 75,000 miners who are under direct orders from Cleveland have thrown down their tools and that before noon tomorrow the last April 22 of the other 10 per cent will have quit work. The magnitude of the strike is appalling, and never before in the history of mining in this state have Cleveland operators confronted so gigantic a strike as the present one.

It is the opinion of the operators here that unless the men get an advance speedily the struggle will be a protracted one, possibly lasting into the autumn months. Cleveland operators control mines in Ohio, Pennsylvania and a few in West Virginia. In 1894 they were considerably discommodated by a strike lasting just one month. The struggle continued for a long time, but over June 22. It is the opinion here that the present strike will far exceed in gravity the one of three years ago.

Large number of the operators left town this morning for their mines. Those who remain state that they are in good financial stand, and are, all having on hand a large supply of coal.

The opinion of Horace S. Chapman, democratic candidate for governor, on the hearing of the price of mining and the situation is published here this afternoon. Mr. Chapman says: "I with other Ohio operators approve of the demand for an advance in the price of mining and am ready to pay same whenever our competitors can be either prevailed upon or persuaded to do so."

Mr. Chapman is one of the leading southern Ohio operators.

WEST VIRGINIA'S OPPORTUNITY.

Miners of That State Will Make Capital Out of the Strike.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., July 6.—Chief Mine Inspector J. W. Paul, who has been keeping in touch with the several coal fields in West Virginia, said that there is at present no indication that the miners of this state will go out. "This," he says, "is West Virginia's opportunity to find new markets for her coal. If the miners of other neighboring states go out and there is a suspension of coal production in these states, West Virginia can very nearly supply the demand."

In 1895 West Virginia produced one-fifth of all the coal produced in the states of Virginia, Kentucky, Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana and Illinois, and this when the coal fields were running at less than half their capacity. If this general strike in Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio and Pennsylvania keeps at work, West Virginia coal will find new markets, and will hold them after the strike ends indefinitely.

STRIKE IN PITTSBURGH DISTRICT.

Meager Reports Coming In, but Claim Many Are Out.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., July 6.—The strike of coal miners is on in the Pittsburgh district, but reports as to its extent are so conflicting and meager that it is difficult to tell how many responded to the strike order. The miners' officials had not heard from one of the working districts at 1 o'clock, but they expressed themselves as confident that the order had been generally obeyed, and that all the miners would be out in a few days.

The reports received say that all the mines on the Wheeling division of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, and among the mines shut down are those of the Pittsburgh and Chicago Gas Coal Company, whose men, it was said, would not quit work as they had individual contracts with the Osceola mines are also idle, as are also those at Shaners.

Idle in Panhandle District.

In the Panhandle district the Champlain mine is idle. The only report received of mines that are working is that the district are from the Panhandle mine of M. A. Hanna & Co. and Beading Bros. All the Beadingville mines are idle and but sixty men are at work in the Jumbo mines.

The most encouraging reports for the strikers come from the river mines, and it can be stated that fully 6,000 river diggers are idle. But few mines are in operation, and the indications are that by Thursday every mine will be shut down as the miners are determined in their demands.

Operators Say Men Will Go Back.

The operators admit that the mines on the Wheeling division are idle today, but say it is due to the fact that this is a Slav holiday, and that the men will be at work tomorrow.

A strong effort was made to bring out the men at the New York and Cleveland Company mines at Turtle Creek, Plum Creek and Sandy Creek, but it was not successful, and all the men went to work as usual, and say they will not join in the movement.

PLEA FOR ARBITRATION.

Indiana Labor Commission Trying to Settle the Strike.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., July 6.—The Indiana labor commission today sent letters to the labor organizations of Ohio, Pennsylvania and Illinois, inviting them to meet with the Indiana commission in this city as early as possible to consider the possibilities of arbitrating the coal miners' strike.

The Indiana commission hopes for favorable responses to its invitation, and will, if necessary, call on the labor organizations of the four states met in an endeavor to terminate the strike before it is far under way.

Sympathetic Strike at Moweaqua.

MOWEAQUA, Ill., July 6.—Every miner in the coal shaft here went out this morning. They have made no demands for an increase in wages and are well-behaved. The strike is purely out of sympathy.

LIBRARY APPOINTMENTS.

Mr. Young Announces His Future Policy in Making Selections.

John Russell Young, librarian of Congress, said to a Star reporter at the Arlington today, in reference to the appointment of a registrar of copyright:

"I have made no appointment yet, and will carefully consider the fitness of every applicant before I make a selection. The New York Authors' Union, Appleton's, Harper's and other publishing houses have recommended a man whose application I will look into. The position pays \$3,000 a year."

"I have been greatly worried as to the appointments. I shall make no appointment until I have received about 100 of these, and about 5,000 applications, so that I have been kept exceedingly busy. I shall make no appointment until the places under the civil service."

Mr. Young stated that he would appoint Mr. Thomas G. Alvord, Jr., formerly of the News of this city, to the position. What it was he said he could not tell at the present time.

ANTICIPATORY IMPORTATIONS.

Secretary Gage Suggests an Important Amendment to the Tariff Bill.

Secretary Gage has written a letter to Senator Allison suggesting an important amendment to the tariff schedule of the tariff bill, designed to deprive the sugar of the pecuniary advantages it has gained by recent heavy importations of sugar in anticipation of the action of Congress.

Acting as Chief.

Commander Dickens is acting chief of the bureau of navigation in the absence of Capt. Crowninshield, who is away on a tour of inspection.

Monetary Commission in London.

LONDON, July 6.—The United States monetary commission, Messrs. Wolcott, Stevenson and Paine, called upon United States Ambassador Hay today, who will make arrangements for them to interview a number of British officials.

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Laborer in New York City Has a Narrow Escape.

CAUGHT IN A HOLE BY QUICK SAND

Took Twelve Firemen Several Hours to Shovel Him Out.

WITNESSED BY THOUSANDS

NEW YORK, July 6.—A gang of firemen were engaged nearly all the forenoon in a struggle to save a workman from being engulfed by quicksands in Henry street, where excavation for a new building was in progress.

Rev. Father Spellman of St. James' Church is on hand, prepared to give the man extreme unction, if it becomes impossible to save him.

No more is known about the man than that his name is Jones, and that he lives in Brooklyn. He was at work twelve feet down in the excavation, which is twelve feet square and lined with planks.

Without warning the planking gave way, and the quicksand of the street poured in on him. Before he could give the alarm, he was engulfed to the waist. His cries brought two plumbers to his aid, and while one held him by the hands, the other rushed for assistance.

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AGRAVE OFFENSE ALLEGED

S. P. Williams Charged With Forgery Senator Mason's Name.

A Letter Addressed to a Railroad Company Requesting Passes—Accused Says He is Innocent.

A young man named S. P. Williams, whose home is in Bismarck, N. D., is under arrest here on a charge of having forged the name of Senator William E. Mason of Illinois. It is alleged that he wrote a note to the Pennsylvania Railroad company, asking for railroad passes, and to this note, it is charged, he forged